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¶1. On May 5 we received a letter to the Ambassador signed by
Manuel Coronel Kautz, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs,
requesting a meeting with WHA/CEN Director John Feeley to
discuss Nicaragua's Merida Initiative Counter Proposal during
the upcoming June 13 meeting of the Central American Security
Commission (SICA) in El Salvador, where the Nicaraguans plan
to present their proposal. An unofficial translation of the
letter follows. Original letter in Spanish has been passed
to WHA/CEN.

¶2. BEGIN TEXT OF DIP CORRESPONDENCE:

Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs
Managua, 30 April 2008
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Mr. Paul A. Trivelli
Ambassador of the United States of America
His Office

cc: Mr. Samuel Santos L., Minister

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming meeting of the
Central American Security Commission, as well as the visit of
WHA/CEN Director Mr. John Feeley.

On this matter, following upon our discussion of March 25 at
the Foreign Minister's office, as well as our request to
Deputy Assistant Secretary Thomas Shannon on March 7 in
Washington, we remind you about the need to arrange a meeting
with Mr. John Feeley to discuss Nicaragua's Proposal of
funding that will be presented at the upcoming Security
Commission meeting.

I thank you for your attention to this letter, and I take the
opportunity to greet you with the assurances of my
consideration.

Sincerely,
/s/ Manuel Coronel Kautz

END TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE

¶3. Post will forward signed original to WHA/CEN via
diplomatic pouch.

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